How to / Trackmania / Dedicated server

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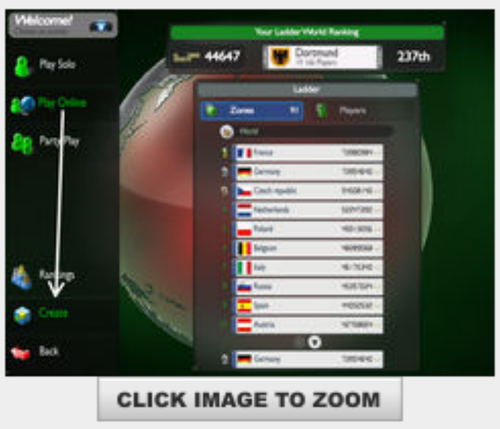
Matchsettings

Let's come to the "Matchsettings". Log into the game, go online.



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The "**create**" button will take you to the game's internal/simple server menu.

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If you put the server software in the same folder as your game, then TM will automatically take over the values from the **dedicated_cfg.txt** onto this settings screen.
Check/change the values and press "**Launch**".

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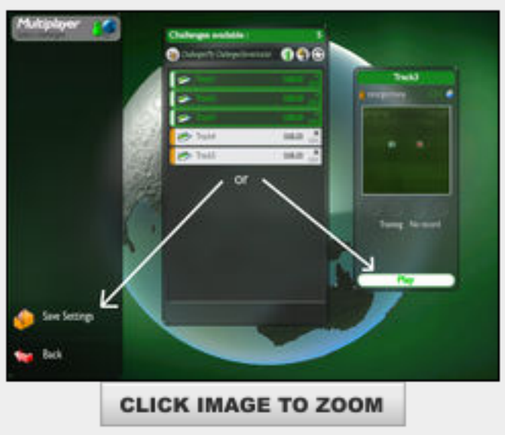
Now you can create the list of tracks, which will be played on the server later on.
In the middle of the screen there is a list of predefined lists and lists you have saved before.
Or you can navigate through your harddisk folders with the help of the left menu, where you can chose single or multiple tracks.

Recommendation: It's clever to go to **C:\..\My documents\Trackmania\Tracks\Challenges** and create a **subfolder** "Servertracks" there. You should copy all potential tracks in there and chose them from this folder, before you create/save any track play listings.
In a few moments, you'll see why.



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After selecting your desired tracks, you can press "**Play**" to start the **games internal server** (not the dedicated server we want to configure).

Better select your tracks and save your track list with the "Save settings" button. Chose a name like "**MyServerList.txt**". Close Trackmania.

As you know, track listings can be changed or expanded on many online servers. But for that, you will need to install Aseco (which we'll do in the next tutorial).

Last steps

1. Copy the complete "*Servertracks*" folder into this folder:

```
[Server-Programm-Ordner]\Tracks\Challenges\
```

Probably Nadeo forgot to reprogram the server software before publishing the "Forever" addons, so that it also uses the "My documents" folder, just like the games. That's why you need to copy the tracks from folder to folder, so they can be found when starting the server.

2. The same goes for **MyServerList.txt** in "*My Documents|Trackmania|Tracks|Matchsettings|*". Copy the file to: [Server-Programm-Ordner]\Tracks\Matchsettings\ . Stupid, but necessary.

3. Go to the folder of the server program and create a **desktop shortcut** for the **"TrackmaniaServer.exe"**. (right click mousebutton at the executable should bring the context menu, where you find the option to create that shortcut).

After you created the desktop shortcut, go to the desktop and click the right mousebutton to call the "Properties" menu.
After the "Target", 2 additional parameters must be added:

```
/dedicated_cfg=dedicated_cfg.txt and /game_settings=MatchSettings/MyServerList.txt
```

Depending on where your own files are, the complete target would look like this:

```
C:\TMF\TrackmaniaServer.exe /dedicated_cfg=dedicated_cfg.txt /game_settings=MatchSettings/MyServerList.txt
```

There must be a blank space between the program's pathname and each of the 2 parameters.

Finished

Click on the server's desktop shortcut and the server starts running.

If you did anything wrong, then the window content will show you the kind of error which occured. If that happens, you'll most likely have made a mistake when copying the files to the right folders.

If you made everything correctly, the server starts running and people can start joining it in the game :-)

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